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PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 24.354

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor : Wayne J. Gonnering  
Serial No. : 10/789, 509  
Filed : February 27, 2004  
Title : Gas-Assisted Electrosurgical Accessory Connector and  
Method with Improved Gas Sealing and Biasing for  
Maintaining a Gas Tight Seal  
Group Art Unit : 3739  
Confirmation No. : 9088  
Examiner : Michael F. Peffley

Amendment and Response to Final Office Action  
under 37 CFR 1.116

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed December 28, 2006, please amend the application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1, 4 and 22-25.

Amend claims 2, 3 and 5-10.

A listing of the claims with markings to indicate status and amendments is presented in Part 1.

REMARKS:

Comments regarding the above amendments and the December 28 final Office Action are presented in Part 2.

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